



# Rapid River News

June 1, 2015

**New Organization Chart!** Tribal Council has approved the Ogema's recommendation for a new organization chart for the Executive Branch of the tribal government. This 'new' approach was presented and discussed at a Staff Meeting last Friday (photos on page 5). The change is expected to improve delivery of services to the membership, improve the functioning of the government and communications throughout.

**Chief Judge Daniel Bailey sworn in!** Newly re-elected Chief Judge Daniel Bailey took the oath of office before Tribal Council session last week. Judge Bailey had been unavailable the previous week for the ceremony.

**Tribal Council Liaisons appointed!** At last week's Council session, the tribal Liaisons were appointed. See page 4 for details.

**Elk & Bear Permit Drawing announced.** The Natural Resources Commission has announced that they will be having their annual Elk and Bear drawing/Informational meeting on June 20th at 12:00pm. The Commission is planning on having the meeting in the lower level on the Natural Resources Building on 9th Street in Manistee.



**2015 Jiingtamok at LRBOI!** News out of Tribal Historical Preservation is that the Pow Wow this year will be on July 4th and 5th at the Gathering Grounds in Manistee. Grand entries will be on Saturday the 4th at noon and 7 p.m. and on Sunday the 5th at noon. See page 8 for updated details!

**May Currents is online!** The 28 page May **Currents** is on line. Go to <https://www.lrboi-nsn.gov/images/docs/public-affairs/currents/2015/Currents%20-%20May%202015.pdf> to see this and other issues. The printed May issue will be arriving in homes in 7-10 days.

**Update on Preference Employment!** At the May 13th Council meeting, an updated preference employment report was presented. At the tribal government, out of 193 employees, 102 are preference. At the Little River Casino Resort. Out of 757 employees, 162 are preference employees.

**Little Bear Deli is Open!** The Deli at the tribal Trading Post is now open. Be sure to come in for some good food and good selection! Watch for more details and photos in the June **Currents**

## Facebook results from last week-Tribal Page-Social Media working for Tribal Members!

	Last Week	Previous Week	Trend	
Total Page Likes		1,301	1,296	0.4%
New Likes		8	3	166.7%
Weekly Total Reach		2,078	2,175	-4.5%
People Engaged		382	240 5	9.2%

News , updates and recent announcements from our tribe, calendar of events, flyers, prayers and more information.

Please note that: Hyperlinks are scattered throughout the RRN .These 'links' take you direct to documents, websites and further Information that you can use.

Just click on them or copy and paste them in your browser for more info!



## Enrollment in Muskegon June 23rd!

The Enrollment Department will be at the **MUSKEGON OFFICE ON, TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015, from 10 to 5 p.m.** with their Tribal Identification Machine. Any person who needs a new Tribal Card, or has an expired Tribal I.D. card can get new card at that time. Make sure you bring your Old Tribal I.D. Card, a Driver's License or picture I.D. The cost for a new Tribal I.D. is \$5.00.

The Enrollment Department will bring Forms for Direct Deposit, Beneficiary Forms, Change of Address Forms. Remember the Enrollment Department will only be in Muskegon for one day, and that is Tuesday, June 23.

If you have other questions, or need help please call the Enrollment Department at 231-398-6720; 398-6713; 398-6712.

## Other Upcoming Items, Dates & Announcements

(For details, see previous Rapid River News, Facebook or **Currents** issues)

- **Elk/Bear Permit Drawing!** June 20th at noon, lower level Natural Resource Bldg on 9th St.
- **Housing Commission Info Meeting!** June 27th from 9-noon at Community Center
- **Great American Camp Out (for kids)!** June 28-29, see flyer on page 10
- **2015 LRBOI Jiingtamok!** July 4th and 5th in Manistee at the Gathering Grounds. See pg 8
- **2015 Language Camp!** July 25-26. See the event flyer in past issues and in the **Currents**
- **Membership Meeting Dates for 2016-2017:** (Call the hotel at Ph: (231) 723-1535 or Toll Free at 1-888-568-2244 for reservations)
  - 2016 – April 9, 2016 & October 8, 2016
  - 2017 – April 8, 2017 & October 7, 2017
- **See the new tribal department directory on the last page!** This updated list will now appear on the inside back page of every **Currents** and Rapid River News for your convenience.
- **Housing 'Findings of No Significant Impact'** Please see the previous Rapid River News for three findings from the Housing Department.

## New Tribal Council Liaisons Appointed!

At Tribal Council session on May 27th, the following Liaison assignments were approved:

- **Elders Committee**—Ron Wittenberg, Virgil Johnson and Marty Wabindato. (Wittenberg will be resigning from his Elder Committee Seat to assume the Liaison duties. LRCR General Manager Ron Pete, who also heads the Elder Committee, spoke of Wittenberg's wonderful service over the years to our tribal elders.)
- **Commerce Commission**—Gary DiPiazza and Virgil Johnson
- **Gaming Commission**—Joe Riley II and Frankie Medacco
- **Housing Commission**—Sandra Lewis, Shannon Crampton and Ron Wittenberg
- **Binojeeuk Commission**—Frankie Medacco and Marty Wabindato
- **Enrollment Commission**—Ron Wittenberg, Sandra Lewis and Joe Riley II
- **Health Commission**—Sandra Lewis and Jessica Burger
- **Natural Resource Commission**—Gary DiPiazza and Jessica Burger
- **Federal Legislative Liaisons**—Jessica Burger and Shannon Crampton
- **State Legislative Liaisons**—Frankie Medacco and Virgil Johnson




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### Delegates and task force memberships were also voted upon for:

- **National Congress of American Indians**, Larry Romanelli, Frankie Medacco, Jessica Burger and Shannon Crampton
- **National Indian Gaming Association (Delegates/Alternates)**, Larry Romanelli, Joe Riley II, Frankie Medacco and Sandra Lewis
- **National Indian Gaming Association** Joe Riley II and Ron Wittenberg
- **United Tribes of Michigan**, Larry Romanelli, Virgil Johnson, Gary DiPiazza and Ron Wittenberg
- **Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes**, Larry Romanelli, Shannon Crampton, Jessica Burger and Marty Wabindato
- **Construction Task Force (Wastewater Lagoon Project)**, V. Johnson, J. Riley, G. DiPiazza, F. Medacco, S. Wheeler (ad hoc—G. Lewis, T. St. Dennis, D. Magoon and S. Parsons)
- **Construction Task Force (Pow Wow/Campground Upgrade)**, V. Johnson, J. Riley, G. DiPiazza, F. Medacco, S. Wheeler (ad hoc S. Parsons, T. St. Dennis and D. Magoon)
- **Shoreline Task Force**. V. Johnson, F. Medacco, L. Romanelli (delegate T. St. Dennis)





## Tribal Court Docket

### Court Docket

#### Monday, June 1, 2015

#### Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Metzger, R.	15077TM Arraignment
10:30 a.m.	Chandler v. Raspotnik	15005DO Final Divorce
01:30 p.m.	Doe v. Lakso	14217GC Motion for Summ. Jdg.
02:30 p.m.	Stevens v. Stevens	10202DM Motion Hearing
03:30 p.m.	LRB v. Spears	15050TM Arraignment

#### Thursday, June 4, 2015

#### Judge Sherigan

11:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	09053NA Review
01:00 p.m.	LRB v. Gibner	14152TM PV Hearing
01:30 p.m.	LRB v. Wabsis	15073TM Pretrial

#### Monday, June 8, 2015

#### Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Smith	15036TM Final Pretrial
11:00 a.m.	Closed Hearing	15027GM Guardianship

#### Monday, June 15, 2015

#### Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	Doe v. Lakso	14217GC Trial
01:15 p.m.	Abbey v. Abbey	14261DO Pretrial

#### Monday, June 22, 2015

#### Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Metzger, A.	15042TM Sentencing
11:00 a.m.	Neglect/Abuse	11223NA Review
01:15 p.m.	Guardianship	13125GM Motion Hrg.

#### Friday, June 26, 2015

#### Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. Champagne	15054CT Formal Hearing
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#### Monday, June 29, 2015

#### Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m.	LRB v. De Bres	09274TM Arraignment
10:30 a.m.	Sam v. LRCR	14211GC Trial

***For the Key to the Court Case abbreviations, please see the next page.***

## Key to Court Case abbreviations

<b>Key:</b>		FJ	Foreign Judgment	NA	Neglect Abuse
CO	Cora Offense/Conservation	FSJ	Foreign Support Judgment	NC	Name Change
CS	Child Support	GA	Gaming Appeal	PF	Probate
CT	Civil Ticket	GC	General Civil	PPO	Personal Protection Order
DM	Divorce with children	GM	Guardianship of Minor	TA	Trust Access
DO	Divorce w/o children	GR	Employment Matter	TM	Tribal Misdemeanor
EA	Enrollment Appeal	JC	Judicial Complaint	WC	Workmen's Compensation
EB	Election Board Appeal	JV	Juvenile		
EM	Emancipation of Minor	LT	Landlord Tenant		





## (Cultural & Government related items)

**Warriors Society:** Wanted...Veterans who want to actively participate in the Little River Band Warrior Society. Please email [vjohnson@lrboi.com](mailto:vjohnson@lrboi.com) for an application and/or additional information.

We are constantly in need of Warriors for color guard duties for various events. Please consider becoming active or joining and being an active member. The Warrior Society meets the first Saturday of every month at 10am at the Aki Community Center located at the entrance to the LRBOI Housing Area. The Warrior Society meetings are usually followed by the monthly elders meeting at Noon.



**Commission Openings!** **Please note that Tribal Members living outside the Manistee Area are also encouraged to apply for the Commissions and Committees!** The tribe continues to seek applications from tribal members interested in serving on any commission or committee of the tribe. Ogema Romanelli has asked for members to submit letters of interest along with why they would like to be on the various Commissions and what skills or knowledge they bring to the group. Applicants will need to submit a commission application along with your letter of interest. You will need to contact Mary Thomas (extension 6824) in the Ogema's office to get an application and will need to submit both in order to be considered.

Please send the letter and application to the attention of Executive Assistant, Mary Thomas, Office of the Ogema, 2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660.

***"Everything really is equal. The Creator doesn't look at me any better than He looks at the trees. We're all the same."***

***--Janice Sundown Hattet, SENECA***

***Sometimes humans think we are the center of the Universe. Sometimes we think we are above or better than other people or things. The Great Spirit made a set of Laws and Principles by which all things should live. Everybody and everything lives by the same Laws. We are all made of atoms just like the trees. The life force in the middle of the atom is the life force of the Great Mystery. It is the same for everything. We are all equal in the eyes of the Creator.***

***Great Spirit, today, I will respect your handiwork.***



## LRBOI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT JOBS

The Human Resources Department welcomes your application for posted positions that are of interest to you! Did you know that job openings can be found on-line and on bulletin boards at government buildings? Job announcements are updated on a continuous basis. Look no further than these convenient sources for your next opportunity.

[www.lrboi-nsn.gov](http://www.lrboi-nsn.gov)

Rapid River News Weekly—Tribal Government Buildings—By calling the HR Department

Current Job Postings			
Job Title	Department	Open Date	Close Date
<a href="#">Director of Natural Resources</a>	Natural Resources	5-20-15	6-5-15
<a href="#">Director of Health Services</a>	Health Services	5-20-15	6-4-15

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

An application must be submitted, resumes and cover letters are strongly encouraged.

Applications will remain active for a period of 6 months after receipt of your application. Please contact the Human Resource Department if you are unsure if you have an active application.

When you see a job that you would like to apply for please contact Alyce Giltz at Phone: (231) 398-6859, Fax: (231) 398-9101 or E-mail: [agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov) This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. .

You can download the [Employment Application](#) and send it in by postal mail, e-mail, fax or hand deliver it if you choose. Applications are kept active for 6 months. Tribal Preference is applied to all positions.

What about Temporary Work? Send in or drop off your application at anytime and be included in our temporary employment pool. Just be certain to check "temporary" or place "temp pool" on the position of interest line. Temporary assignments range from 1 to 180 days in duration. It's a great way to gain experience and sharpen your skills. **Indian Preference applies to the hiring of all vacant positions.** Please send your application, resume, and cover letters to: **LRBOI Human Resources**

**2608 Government Center Drive, Manistee, MI 49660F**

**Fax: (231) 398-9101 E-mail: [agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov](mailto:agiltz@lrboi-nsn.gov) Phone: (231) 398-6859 or (888) 723-8288**





## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

# 20th Annual Jiingtamok

July 4 & 5, 2015

Host Drum:

**Dusty Bear**

Co-Host Drum:

**Urban Nation**

Invited Drums:

**Spirit Lodge**

**Red Cedar**

**War Party**

**Swirling Wind**

**Sons of the  
Three Fires**

**Southern  
Straight**

**Rizing Bear**

Show-Up Drums

**First 5 Onsite &  
Registered**

**Tribal Gathering Grounds**

(Corner of US-31 & M-22 across the street from the Little River  
Casino Resort and behind the Trading Post gas station)

**Manistee, MI**

**Grand Entries:**

Saturday: 12pm & 7pm

Sunday: 12 pm

**Free Parking & No Admission Fee**

Native American Food Available

Native American Arts & Crafts Vendors

Bleacher seating available, but feel free to  
bring your own chairs. **NO** alcohol, drugs,  
weapons, and pets except service animals.

**Drum & Dancing Competitions**

**Throughout the Weekend**

All Dance Categories Male & Female

55+ years 1st : \$300 2nd: \$200

18-54 years 1st: \$300 2nd: \$200

12-17 years 1st: \$150 2nd: \$75

6-11 years 1st: \$75 2nd: \$50

Drums 1st: \$2,500 2nd: \$1,500

Head Veteran:

**George Martin**

Head Dancers:

**Paul Syrette**

**Renee Diehlman**

**Frank & Leslie  
Lewis**

Emcee:

**Philip Memberto**

Arena Director:

**Andre**

**Neebnagezhick**

Dance Judges:

**Dave & Punkin**

**Shananaquet**

**Public  
Welcome!**

Drum Information: Call Philip Memberto at (315) 925-9545

Other Information: Call 1-888-723-8288





## Kwewok Circle

### You can become a Princess!

Requirements to apply  
Age 13-18  
Single, no dependents  
Full regalia  
Must have knowledge of  
customs and traditions,  
will have to write a short Bio  
about yourself. Share goals,  
ambitions, education,  
family, your interest and  
hobbies

Must be Little River or  
a descendent

You will be judged  
on traditional  
knowledge, Dance,  
Personal interview.

For information on  
how to apply call  
*Kwewok Circle*  
231-510-2424  
*Deb Davis*

Miss LRBOI Princess Angel Shaw 2014-15



**Imagine yourself being crowned Miss LRBOI Princess**

**What an honor!**

You will travel to make personal appearances to represent the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, as a role model for our people and the other young ladies aspiring to become princess.

You will receive a Crown, Sash, Flowers, a photo shoot and many extras including being treated as royalty. The runners up will receive a sash, flowers



## **LRBOI Education Department Invites You to Participate in The Great American Camp Out**



**WHEN:** Saturday, June 27th, noon to Sunday, June 28th, noon.

**WHERE:** LRBOI GATHERING GROUNDS

**WHO:** KIDS 7 TO 12 YEARS OLD (limit 10 girls, 10 boys)

**WHAT TO BRING:** A sleeping bag/blankets and pillow, and overnight stuff. We have two large tents, one for boys, one for girls, or you can bring a pup tent if you'd like.

**PLEASE RSVP BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH TO:**

**DEBRA DAVIS, 231-398-6724 or SANTANA AKER, 231-398-6654**

**ddavis@lrboi-nsn.gov**

**saker@lrboi-nsn.gov**

If we have more people who want to participate than for whom we have space, tribal members will have preference, participants will be selected by drawing from those who RSVP by June 19th.





- ❖ Are you interested in Science?
- ❖ Would you like to learn more about Anishinaabe culture?
- ❖ How about a week of living in dorms and meeting kids from other tribes?

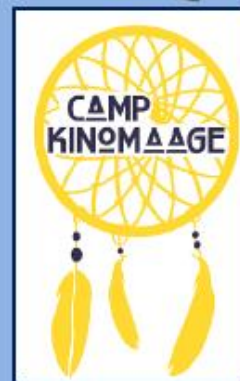
Spaces are limited...

Apply Today!

[Geo.umich.edu/Kinomaage](http://Geo.umich.edu/Kinomaage)

## Camp Kinomaage

Is for **YOU!**



Camp Kinomaage is a week long summer camp for middle school students located at the University of Michigan Biological Station in Pellston, MI. During the week: campers do hands-on science alongside University staff, learn about their Anishinaabe culture from elders, and have loads of fun with other campers and their University of Michigan student mentors.



June 21-26, 2015

Full scholarships are available for ALL participants!





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Main Phone: (231) 723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288. Use the following extensions for:

<b>Departments</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Director or main phone numbers</b>
<b>Accounting</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6868</b>
<a href="#"><u>Be-Da-Bin</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Government Center—Clinic entrance</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231.398.6741</u></a>
<b>Commerce</b>	<b>Government Center — Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6815</b>
<a href="#"><u>Commodities</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231.398. 6715</u></a>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Government Center—Clinic entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6735</b>
<a href="#"><u>Enrollment</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Government Center-Main Entrance</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231.398.6712</u></a>
<b>Fitness Center</b>	<b>Government Center—Lower Level</b>	<b>231.398.6636</b>
<a href="#"><u>Family Services</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Government Center—Clinic entrance</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231.398.6734</u></a>
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<a href="#"><u>Gaming Commission</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Old Casino Building</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231-723-7755</u></a>
<b>Health Clinic</b>	<b>Government Center—North End</b>	<b>231.398.6600</b>
<a href="#"><u>Historic Preservation</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Government Center- Lower Level</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231.398.6893</u></a>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>Aki Maadiziwin Community Center</b>	<b>231.398.6879</b>
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<a href="#"><u>Members Assistance</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Government Center-Main Entrance</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231.398.6718</u></a>
<b>Natural Resources</b>	<b>9th Street Offices—Manistee</b>	<b>231.398.2191</b>
<a href="#"><u>Peacemaking/Probation</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Justice Center on M22</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231.398.2239</u></a>
<b>Planning Department</b>	<b>Government Center —Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6810</b>
<a href="#"><u>Prosecutor</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Justice Center on M22</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231.398.2242</u></a>
<b>Public Affairs</b>	<b>Government Center-Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6872</b>
<a href="#"><u>Public Safety</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Justice Center on M22</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231.398.2225</u></a>
<b>Tax Office</b>	<b>Government Center—Main Entrance</b>	<b>231.398.6874</b>
<a href="#"><u>Utilities/Waste Water</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Dontz Road (near Aki Maadiziwin)</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>231.398.2285</u></a>
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